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an editorial

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THE GLOBE VS. ISRAEL

We have a word of advice to all those who are shocked by the Globe and Mail's latest editorial (Tuesday, January 27th) about "Stoking the fires in the Middle East."

The Globe and Mail is not Holy Writ. Nor does it represent the viewpoint of the majority of Canadians who realize how important peace in the Middle East is. Unfortunately it still is a publication living in the Old days of the Empire as far as Jews are concerned; it suffers from a superiority complex and from a WASP psychosis. It assumes that our generation of Jews cares whether the Globe agrees with us or disagrees when we support Israel's battle for survival and for the peace that would benefit *all* the peoples in the Middle East; a peace that would end a conflict which benefits Russia only.

The Globe, which virtually ignored the arming of Arab extremists and *revanchistes* by France, discusses President Richard Nixon's promise of arms supplies to Israel in a tone which reminds us of Pravda and Izvestia. There is no Pravda (truth) in what the Globe says; when it urges that Israel be coerced into unconditional surrender, at best, or expose itself to an attack by Nasser without the possibility of defense, at worst.

In this biased editorial the Globe blasts the "Jewish lobby" in Washington which allegedly forced Nixon to call Israel "a friendly government" when he said the United States would help her "defend the safety of her people."

When one reads the Globe one wonders what lobby, if any, influences the editorial policy of that paper? Is it the oil lobby, or is it the pressure of those who still cannot make peace with the idea that a new Jew has risen in Israel, a Jew who will not be disarmed and find himself in a new Biafra and left to U Thant's crocodile tears.

Those who survived Auschwitz, and *all* of us survived it—all free men—Jews and non-Jews must realize that there can be no compromise with the Angel of Death. It is either life for Israel or else. It is either peace or else. And it is time that the Globe editors awaken from their slumber.

BEN GURION, DAYAN AT BRIT.-General Moshe Dayan, in prayer shawl holds Ben Gurion's first great grandson at circumcision ceremony while father (right) Yariv Ben Eliezer and Ben Gurion (left) look on.

U.S. acts to prevent Mideast war

WILSON IN OTTAWA: LIBYA DEAL DANGER

Golda Meir stresses Washington-Jerusalem entente

by the CJN diplomatic editor

Israel's premier Golda Meir stated in Jerusalem on Monday that President Richard Nixon's promise of more arms to Israel "as the need arises," underscores the concern of the United States for her country's safety and security. According to diplomatic observers, it also confirms the fact of an Israeli-American alliance for the defense of peace in the Middle East.

. President Nixon's pledge to a conference of one thousand American Jewish leaders in Washington was "noted with gratification by Mrs. Meir."

. In Washington, State department officials said that France's decision to sell supersonic aircraft to Libya (and Iraq) had created "a new sense of urgency" in "the consideration of aid to Israel" by the administration.

. They admitted that the American decision to supply new aid to Israel "certainly was based upon the French precedent."

. In Paris an official French spokesman admitted that the number of Mirage jets delivered to Libya would be closer to 110 rather than the 100 reported earlier.

. The New York Times on Tuesday, in an editorial obviously reflecting American government policy, said President Nixon's message of reassurance on the Middle East is "a simple restatement of longstanding American policy."

The Times in its editorial also declares that the United States (as Israel) believes peace in the Middle East can be based only on agreement between the parties and that agreement can be achieved only through negotiations between them.

The influential American newspaper stresses the fact that there is a continuity with regard to Israel in the policies enunciated by former President Johnson and Richard Nixon.

Concerning the pledge of supplying arms to Israel, the Times reminds its readers that a similar pledge was made to Levi Eshkol, the late Premier of Israel and:

"There has never been any reason to doubt that the new administration would honor that pledge."

It concludes by stating that the new statement by President Nixon will consolidate both "the partnership between Israel and America and the cause of peace."

. In London it has been confirmed semi-officially that the planes ordered by Libya will be delivered directly to Egypt. In Washington U.S. intelligence sources said that these warplanes are "as good as on Egyptian airfields. Their delivery could inflame the entire Middle East."

. The Canadian Jewish News has learned that British Prime Minister Harold Wilson, during his visit in our capital, had alluded this danger when he discussed the Middle East situation with Prime Minister Trudeau and Foreign Minister Mitchell Sharp. We are told Mr. Wilson was reluctant to denounce publicly the new French moves in the Middle East because France might again jeopardize British entry into the European Common Market.

SEES 100 YEAR CONFLICT

London (JCNS). - Israel's need for a larger navy has been stressed by one of Britain's leading military experts.

Addressing members of the Mahal Union at the Mayfair Hotel, London, recently, Brigadier Peter Young, a military historian and a former commander of the 9th Regiment of the Arab Legion, said that Israel needed small fast ships like the gunboats taken by the Israelis from Cherbourg.

There would be no quick solution to the Middle East problem, he added. In fact, it could take anything up to 100 years before the conflict was solved.

He could not see the Israelis giving up any of the territory acquired in the Six Day War. Nor could he see any solution to the Arab refugee problem, although possibly it could be solved by money.

Speaking on "The Six Day War and its aftermath," he said that the Egyptians were not really dangerous at the moment. They had the manpower but they were not well equipped "in brains and guts."

Brigadier Young said that it was nonsense to say that the Israelis now had a much longer frontier. The Suez Canal was a much better and easier frontier to control than the old borders between Egypt and Israel.

Answering questions, Brigadier Young said that even if there were direct negotiations between the Arabs and the Israelis there would have to be a United Nations force on the Canal, which would require about six brigades.

Without serious UN backing he could not see this happening. Nor could he see the big powers getting together to provide a police force.

Officers from the Irish Guards, the Parachute Regiment and the Royal Army Service Corps, together with members of the Israeli Embassy, were present at the meeting.

KNESSET APPEAL

Jerusalem (JCNS). - The Knesset recently urged parliaments throughout the world to join in an endeavor to rescue the Jewish communities suffering oppression in the Arab countries.

A resolution to this effect was adopted unanimously in the absence of members of the new (pro-Arab) Communist Party. It followed a somber review, by Prime Minister Golda Meir, of the situation of the Jews in Iraq, Syria and Egypt.

Mrs. Meir's statement marked the first anniversary of the barbaric hanging of nine Jewish martyrs in Baghdad. She noted that the situation since then had further deteriorated, and spoke bitterly of the cat-and-mouse treatment accorded to those Iraqi Jews who rose to the cruelly false bait of an offer of exit permits to those expressing the desire to emigrate.

Mrs. Meir said she had information that the Baghdad rulers had revealed their intention not to allow the Jews to leave but to hold them as hostages for any eventuality.

The Prime Minister also drew attention to the ghastly situation in Syria, particularly in the township of Kemishli. There, she said, the small Jewish community for the past three years had been kept totally incommunicado with the outside world.

SIXTH FRANKFURT SYNAGOGUE

Duesseldorf (JCNS). - Frankfurt's sixth synagogue to be opened since the Second World War was dedicated last week in the Henry and Emma Budge Home which houses 300 old people including 100 Jews.

Ernst Gerhardt, a member of the City Council and chairman of the Budge Foundation which owns the home, said that the new synagogue was not only an "act of reparation," but also a memorial to the spirit of Henry and Emma Budge. Men of different faiths and attitudes could live together in peace and tolerance under one roof.

HAIFA MARSEILLES FERRY

Haifa (JCNS). - The Israeli Government and the Zim Navigation Company have launched, as equal partners, the independent "Zim Passenger Lines Ltd.," to operate two ferries between Haifa and Marseilles, Genoa and Venice.

Both ferries, the refitted Dan and Nili, will begin the service in mid-April, while the liner Moledet will be transferred to Greek buyers. Four Government and four Zim members will sit on the board of the new company.

The ferries will carry 150 immigrants a month for the Jewish Agency and the meals will be served, kibbutz-style, on tables with the passengers helping themselves.

There will be economies by closing all Zim passenger offices except those in London, Paris and Frankfurt and reducing ships and ships' crews.

A Zim Navigation Company spokesman said that it was operating 140 ships representing a tonnage of a little under 1 1/2 million. Of these ships, 78 fly the Israeli flag and the rest are chartered. Six ships, totalling about 500,000 tons, chiefly tankers, are under construction.

Commentary

by M.J. NURENBERGER

ISRAEL'S SUPREME COURT AND JEWS

The decision of Israel's Supreme Court of January 23rd -- that one may "belong" to the Jewish people while not being of the Jewish faith -- is a momentous event in modern Jewish history. One cannot ignore this ruling as though nothing had happened. This decision affects the very being of the Jew, his future -- the continuity of the House of Israel. It is a denial of everything for which the Jew has fought during the last two thousand years. Such legislation may cause a profound rift among Jews the world over. It is dangerous for Israel; it's potential threat to the Jewish state is greater than all the planes that Pompidou may ever send to the Arab enemies of Israel. For Israel, first and foremost, must remain the concern of the Jew wherever he is. And the Jew, wherever he lives, must feel it is Israel that secures his existence as a Jew -- not only physically.

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Psychologically the five judges (against four) who took upon themselves to vote upon such a decision, based "on a technicality," are influenced by the fin de siecle "liberal Zionist" theory, the Max Nordau version of Zionism which would create a Jewish nation in the land of Israel *like all the others*. Thus a Jew, like a Frenchman, could be a Catholic, a Protestant, a Buddhist.

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This theory later adapted by extreme Marxist Zionists to suit their atheist convictions: Jewishness, national in form, socialist in content. But Jewishness is *neither form nor national contour* à la Nordau.

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If one can be a Jew by nationality only, without being a Jew by faith, or by religious allegiance, even formally, why should Moshe Dayan shed tears when he beholds the stones of the Wailing Wall? What does Jerusalem mean if one does not sense that he *belongs* to this *community of faith* which for generations has prayed and longed for the redemption of Zion? What is Judaism if not the profound belief of those who in a small eastern European town would rise in the middle of the night to be ready for the Messiah and who recited Maimonides' *I believe?*

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We are those who still repeat three times a day the prayer for the Return unto Zion -- whether we actually pray or not. Some of us pronounce these words during the morning, afternoon and evening supplications; others "pray" when they become alarmed by newspaper headlines. We are neurotics when it comes to press dispatches involving the Land of Israel -- all of us -- those who live in the Holy Land and those who live in Moscow or New York, in Johannesburg or Toronto. All of us pray, each in his own way, whether we actually murmur the words which Historic Israel never has forgotten.

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Let me be clear about this Supreme Court decision. With regard to *being a Jew* there can be no distinction among the so-called Orthodox, Conservative or Reform. Generally, I never have believed in this artificial division of Jews by denominations.

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I remember once reading an essay a European writer discussing this subject: who is a Jew? The writer, probably the most perfect example of an assimilated Jew, tells the story of two people meeting in a train compartment, looking at each other, not able to converse with each other but realizing that they are both Jews. Is it destiny? I don't know, but I do know that no matter how hard some Jews have tried to discard their Jewishness, ultimately it was forced upon them by regimes that claimed complete freedom from racial and religious prejudice.

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Let us for a moment leave the emotional feature of Jewishness. Let us talk about the question: who is a Jew? Can there be in Israel, in a modern state, a racial concept of Jew? Israel is a nation with equal rights for all its citizens -- Moslems, Christians, Jews, atheists or whatever else. Why does one, not a Jew, who does not believe in *Shma Yisrael* have to be registered as of Jewish nationality? Is it not the Jewish people, historically, the People that returned to Zion, a community of faith -- faith in the Eternal Guardian of Israel and faith in the ultimate return to the Promised Israel?

The Jewish religion, its law, the Halakha does not differentiate between one born into the Jewish faith and one who converts to Judaism. Theologically it only demands allegiance to the Torah. The Rabbis caution us against ever reminding a convert he is not of the Jewish community. He is. He is the Son of Abraham, a Jew like the one born into the faith.

But, applying the same legal principle, Halakha cannot accept as a Jew one who does not accept Judaism.

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Before the Jewish state had been established David Ben Gurion and Yitzhaq Greenbaum, a self-proclaimed non-believer, held a conference with Rabbi Yitzhaq Meir Lewin, of the ultra-Orthodox Agudat Israel, at which this very problem was discussed. How will the Israeli state secure the continuity of the Jewish people? Rabbi Lewin had feared that such a ruling like the one now promulgated by the Supreme Court would cause a split among Jews. During that meeting, a part of recorded history, Ben Gurion and Greenbaum, in the name of the Jewish Agency, agreed that the laws of marriage and divorce, and laws determining who is a Jew, would be based upon the Halakha. Then Rabbi Lewin became a member of the first provisional government of the state of Israel.

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Is it absolutely necessary in Israel to register people according to the antiquated eastern European concept of nationality? Why couldn't one be registered by our Western concept of nationality which means citizenship -- also by religion? Thus perhaps this problem could be eliminated. A Jew in the diaspora never can accept a Supreme Court ruling about *who is a Jew.* Such a ruling could come only from a Rabbinic body and not from secular judges.

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I am confident, knowing Israel and being aware of its problems on the international scene, that the government of Israel will not accept this decision which is in conflict with the unwritten constitution of the State of Israel. Should such a ruling become law, not only would the present coalition government end but the nation itself would become involved in a serious conflict that could endanger the very future of the Holy Land.

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I predict: this Supreme Court ruling will be annuled. It is against the very Jewishness of the state; it undermines its spiritual existence, its reason for being, its historic foundation, its very soul.

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Every citizen of Israel -- Jew, Christian, Moslem -- is an Israeli -- with all rights.

DISAPPOINTED WITH PARIS. - Chicago congressman Pucinski (right) with French-Jewish leader Baron Alain de Rothschild during last week's visit to the French capital.

Pucinski and two other American congressmen visited France hoping to alter France's pro-Arab policies. They returned disappointed.

They warned France that unless Pompidou does something to counteract the effect of the Libyan deal, he must be prepared for a "rough reception" in the United States.

WITH OUR APOLOGIES

For technical reasons we have omitted from this week's Canadian Jewish News certain features and advertising. They will be published next week when the paper will be printed in its regular full format.

West Germany and the Middle East

BONN AND LIBYA

Chancellor Brandt

Exclusive Canadian Jewish News report

Hans Juergen Wischnewski, West Germany's socialist party administrator and M.P., whom the Arabs fondly call "Ben Wisch" recently introduced chancellor Willy Brandt to the leaders of Tunisia. Also, according to an exclusive report to this newspaper, Mr. Wischnewski paid a visit to Saleh Bussir, the foreign minister of Libya while Mr. Brandt had been vacationing in Tunisia.

. When Israel's foreign minister Abba Eban visits Bonn early next month he may ask chancellor Brandt about the meaning of these new activities by West German diplomats in Arab countries.

According to the same source Wischnewski is *persona grata* with the extremist Arab leaders, the Algerians and Libyans. He was the *courrier* of the Algerian underground in Europe when the FLN was buying arms during the anti French revolt. In fact it has been confirmed that Wischnewski kept the treasury of the FLN in his home in Cologne during the uprising in Algeria.

Last month, when Wischnewski accompanied chancellor Brandt to Tunisia, he had a two-hour conference with Algeria's foreign minister, Abdel Asis Bouteflika.

Despite these friendly talks held at the Hilton Hotel in Tunis Mr. Bouteflika left the room the minute chancellor Brandt walked in. Algeria, Bouteflika later told Wischnewski, is not ready to establish relations with West Germany, although Brandt has shown more "balance" in his Middle East policy.

Wischnewski still proceeded to Tripoli as an emissary of Brandt.

He sounded out the Libyan government as to the possibilities of West German participation in the oil industry.

According to diplomatic sources, the French government, which is now trying to placate all its friends, asked the Libyans to enter into a dialogue with West Germany, "to make it easier for Paris." For the moment Libya is not ready to do business with Bonn. It seems the pro-Soviet Arabs are waiting for a sign from Moscow but it is not excluded that such negotiations will take place or have already begun.

. In the meantime Germany's strongly pro-Israel publishing tycoon, Axel C. Springer, has told his editors to remember that one of the principles of the new post-Nazi German press must be the consolidation of the reconciliation between Jews and Germans, especially the support of the right of Israel to exist. In fact, the German dailies that belong to the Springer concern, "Die Welt," "Bild", "Hamburger Abendblatt," "Berliner Morgenpost" and "Berliner Zeitung," are supporting Israel in its diplomatic battle for the recognition of its rights.

However, the popular West German newsmagazine *Der Spiegel*, which is pro-Brandt, criticized this policy of the Springer press.

In one of its last issues it alluded satirically to these instructions by Springer:

"...It seems the editors of the Springer papers are requested to defend the bellicose, expansionist policy of the state of Israel..."

. Several months ago *Der Spiegel* serialized the book by Uri Avneri in which the controversial Tel Aviv editor took Nasser's part against Israel.

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CONTRIBUTION

Recently Brotherhood of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda donated $30,000 to the Congregation to update Brotherhood Hall.

CARNIVAL

Tomorrow evening the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, an international organization for teenage youth, will hold a fundraising carnival at its headquarters on Hove Street. Money will go to charities sponsored by B.B. Youth.

FARBAND CHAIRMAN. Harry Weinstock who recently was elected chairman of Toronto Farband Labor Zionist Order.

Mr. Weinstock studied philosophy and jurisprudence at the Warsaw University, and is a graduate of the Toronto Optical College. He is very active in the Toronto Jewish Community.

Among his activities: U.J.A. chairman and trustee of Eglinton Lodge, B'nai B'rith; Board member, Jewish National Fund; Lifetime member Associated Hebrew Day Schools; member, National Executive of Labor Zionist Movement; member National Board of Farband L.Z.O., State of Israel Bond and speakers' bureau and a member of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. He is married to the former Adele Rosen, they have three daughters.

Torontonian to represent Canada

ECONOMIC CONFERENCE TO CONVENE IN LONDON

Mr. Ray D. Wolfe, President of Oshawa Wholesale will represent Canada at the forthcoming Praesidium Meeting of the Jerusalem Economic Conference to be held in London, England on February 2, 1970.

Mr. Wolfe, one of Canada's most prominent Jewish leaders, will take the opportunity at this international conference to speak for his country on the subject of Canada-Israel trade relations. He will discuss projects designed to improve and increase commerce between the two countries.

Other participants at this conference will include: Lord Sieff (U.K.), Mr. Victor Carter (U.S.A.), Mr. Francois Pereire (Western Europe), Mr. Harry Goldberg (South Africa), Mr. Israel Klabib (South America), Sir Siegmund Warburg (U.K.), Mr. Oscar Van Leer (Western Europe, Mr. William Mimouni (Western Europe), Mr. M. Glass (South Africa), Mr. M. Chayen (U.K.)

Israeli representatives at the meeting will include: Mr. Mark Mosevics, President of the Manufacturers Association, Mr. Ascher Yadlin, Secretary General of Hevrat Ha'ovdim, Dr. Z. Dinstein, Deputy Minister of Finance, Dr. Y. Herzog, Director General Prime Minister's office, Mr. G. Lahav, Acting Director General, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Mr. Y. Stopper, Director Investment Authority, Mr. S. Sitton, Follow Up Unit, Mr. B. Barak, Director, Export and Investment Authority, Mr. S. Laundau, Director, Investment Authority for Western Europe, Ambassador A. Remez (London), Mr. A. Yaffe, Economic Minister (London), Mr. M. Nethanel, Economic Counselor (London).

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CITY OF TORONTO—PUBLIC NOTICE

"AUSCHWITZ MEMORIAL DAY"

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27th, 1970

On January 27th this year the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Liberation of the K. L. Auschwitz Nazi Concentration Camp will be commemorated by many thousands of people throughout the entire World.

In this infamous Auschwitz Camp some 4,000,000 people perished during the Second World War. The death of these innocent humans—children, women and men—will never be forgotten by freedom-loving people everywhere.

In order to appropriately recognize the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Liberation of K. L. Auschwitz, the City of Toronto is pleased to declare January 27th, 1970, as "Auschwitz Memorial Day" and urges the citizens of Toronto to join in the commemoration of this date.

William Dennison
Mayor.

Mayor's Office,
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CITY OF TORONTO 1970 REALTY TAXES

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In accordance with the provisions of The Municipal Act and pursuant to By-law No. 313-69 adopted by Council on November 5, 1969, the first three instalments of realty taxes for 1970 will become due as follows:

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The above instalments represent an interim billing of 1970 taxes based upon one-half of last year's mill rates. The balance will be billed about the middle of the year and will be payable in another three instalments. This method of billing permits realty taxes being paid in six instalments instead of the former three, and the time now given for payment covers a much longer period.

All Interim Realty Tax Bills have now been issued. Ratepayers who have not received tax bills should make immediate application at the Tax Information Counter, City Hall, or by telephone 367-7115.

PAYMENT OF TAXES

These taxes may be paid at the locations and in the manner detailed in the pamphlet which was enclosed with each bill. Please note that banks now accept payment up to the due dates. However, payments involving Tax Prepayment Certificates are to be made at the City Hall only, in person or by mail.

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The World ORT Program consists of 650 trade and technical projects of which more than 50,000 persons benefit annually. Jewish communities in Israel, North Africa, Iran, India, Latin America, France and Italy benefit by the training and rehabilitation which ORT provides. The World ORT Union with headquarters in Geneva works closely with the United Nations Educational and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the International Council of Jewish Social Service Agencies.

ORT schools instruct in occupations much in demand in today's age of technology. Courses are given in electronics, automechanics, carpentry, fashion designing, arts and crafts and a host of others. Their programs provide a multiplicity of services geared to the demands of the work markets. Since the majority of students who avail themselves of ORT programs are teenagers, most ORT Vocational and High Schools provide in addition to technical studies a comprehensive academic and Jewish cultural program.

ROSALINE STOTLAND

Founded in Russia in 1880, ORT has been ever present as a source of strength and reconstruction in all the trials and tribulations that have confronted the Jewish people. ORT assumed its trend setting work from those early "enlightenment" days in Russia onwards. Its economic rehabilitation of Russian Jewry spearheaded by such men as Baron Horace Gunzburg bore the seed of ORT's raison d'etre - a society for the promotion of Jewish vocational modernization. From individual aid to community projects to refugee relief programs, ORT became a truly living project. Through its pattern of expansion and development it gradually assumed an international character. Its philosophy of retraining for productive living continued. In its 90-year history ORT has followed the Jewish people through every crisis and truly has had no destiny apart from Jewry itself. Its purpose: to strengthen Jewish economic activity and elevate the living and work standards of Jews. The elasticity of its programs has made it possible for ORT to work in varying conditions on five continents; its technological, economic and educational work has elevated conditions and brought dignity to many of our brethren the world over. Its program content corresponds to real and continuing needs; it is aware that in our age of technological revolution the economic survival of our people thrives on technical education, introduction of new skills and broadening of employment opportunities. It is toward these goals that ORT strives. The fact that it has been a force for Jewish economic reformation and has altered the occupational pattern in many Jewish communities cannot be denied.

In Canada the work of ORT is being reinforced by a voluntary membership of more than 5,000 dedicated women. Its various educational programs, social activities and fundraising projects have attracted to its ranks the socially aware woman who has found stimulation and fulfillment in the tremendous challenges which ORT offers.

RUTH MORIEL

Women's Canadian ORT national president, Rosaline Stotland, and executive director Ruth Moriel have informed me of the many faceted endeavors in which ORT is involved. Membership campaigns particularly in the smaller communities of Western Canada are now in the planning stages with a view toward further expansion and founding of new chapters. Seminars and workshops to foster greater awareness of the work ORT does are conducted frequently for the benefit of its membership.

Now in its 25th year, Women's Canadian ORT is in the midst of planning its 11th biennial convention to be held in October in Toronto under the chairmanship of Ann Rosen. ORT Day in March will be observed by all regions on a national scale.

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MONTREAL NOTES

NEW PRESIDENT

Nathan A. Levitsky, Q.C., succeeds Hyman Bessin of Ottawa as national president of Canadian Friends of Bar Ilan University.

Other officers: Joseph Wolinsky, Winnipeg and Rabbi S. M. Zambrowsky, Montreal, honorary presidents; Messrs Wilferd Gordon, Toronto, Hy Altman, Vancouver, Frank Zebberman, Halifax, David Rothenberg, Nathan Steinberg, Philip F. Vineberg, Q.C., Michel Zimmerman, Montreal.

BOARD MEET

Recently the Women's Federation, Allied Jewish Community Services, Chomedey Region, held a board meeting at Young Israel of Chomedey library.

ANNUAL MEETING

Women's Federation of Allied Jewish Community Services recently held its annual meeting. Speakers: Rabbi David Hartman. Topic: Jewish Consciousness in its Liberated Forms.

MET

Last week Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Ora, St. Laurent, held a meeting. A baking demonstration took place.

HELD MEET

Women's Auxiliary, Jewish General Hospital, held a recent luncheon meeting. Speaker: Dr. Victor C. Goldbloom, MNA. Topic: Who's Going to Care for the Sick?

LUNCHEON

A recent Torah Fund luncheon was tendered by Congregation Beth-El Sisterhood at the home of Mrs. Max Gruber.

EVENTS IN MONTREAL

Week from Friday, January 30 to Thursday, February 5

Saturday, January 31:

8:00 p.m. - Labor Zionist Movement Forum

Sunday, February 1:

10:00 a.m. - Canadian Jewish Congress National Executive Meeting

10:00 a.m. - Synagogue Council Leadership Meeting at

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HEBREW CALENDAR
Friday, January 30th, 23rd day of Shevat 5730
Portion of the week: Yisro
Candlelighting: Toronto 5:07; Montreal 4:39

David Lewis speaks up

M.P.'S JUNKET

David Lewis the deputy leader of the New Democratic Party should be commended for publicly raising the issue of three parliamentarians invited to participate in a so-called "world peace conference" in Cairo.

Mr. Lewis is a leader of a socialist party. On one occasion in an interview with The Canadian Jewish News, he declared his support for Israel and for its justified position of no retreat without a binding peace agreement. However, on other occasions we felt that his criticism of the United States bordered on doctrinaire socialist theories that usually last only as long as a labor party is in opposition.

We believe that these sometime unwarranted attacks against the United States indirectly strengthen the position of those who would like to see the Communist world—the enemies of Democratic Socialism—prevail. In fact this so-called peace conference called by Nasser in Cairo is being supported by some "socialist" parliamentarians in Europe.

In the meantime we feel the NDP should speak up a little louder against the British labor party position with regard to Israel. After all, even from the socialist point of view, social democracy in Israel can claim support from socialist parties the world over. Or do we always have to witness the picture of socialist parties in government forgetting what they preached while in the opposition?

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Yet concerning the criticism of the three MP's who are going to Cairo at the expense of Egypt, Mr. Lewis made a valid point and the replies from the three MP's are completely unsatisfactory.

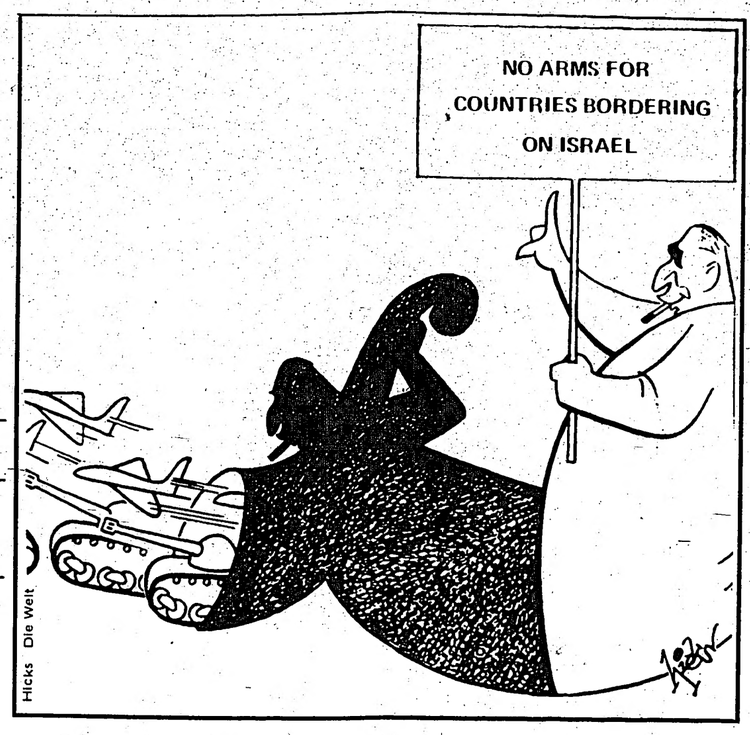
For example, Mr. Heath McQuarrie (PC Hilsboro) replied to Mr. Lewis' question with a statement which is no answer at all. He asked whether Mr. Lewis was susceptible to geography or hospitality during his trips around the world. Another MP Mr. Ralph Stewart (L Cochrane) also replied with a rhetorical question. He said:

. "Does he (Lewis) think I can be bought?"

Is such an answer relevant?

Polemics of this kind, we believe, are unworthy of parliamentarians. We would have preferred a straight statement that participants in such a "conference" for Middle East peace held in Cairo would pay their own expenses if they consider it that important, We would even suggest that government pay those expenses if there were a real peace conference in the Egyptian capital.

Or should we assume that three MP's do not consider it a peace conference but tourist sight-seeing only?



ONCE A JEW, ALWAYS A JEW

Haifa (JCNS). - A Polish-Jewish immigrant, Hershl Semmerle, alias Tadeusz Janicki, who arrived with his Christian wife and their daughter, told the JCNS correspondent recently of his ordeals before finally being able to leave Poland for Israel.

During the Second World War, he said, he had to change his name to the Polish Janicki in order to escape Nazi death camps. He found a job as manager of a knitting factory, married a Christian and has continued to live as a non-Jew ever since.

However, with the advent of the Six-Day War in June, 1967, a tax inspector who had been suspecting him for some time, told Hershl he knew he was a Jew. It was then, said Hershl, that all the troubles started. His tax assessments were raised to astronomical figures, reducing his standard of living, and things went from bad to worse.

Faced with such a situation, he decided, with his wife's agreement, that the only way out was to settle in Israel, but he had no papers showing he was of Jewish origin. Officials of the Jewish community refused to issue him with the necessary documents.

Finally, two non-Jewish friends swore an affidavit that he was born Jewish and he was issued with the documents he needed.

letters to the Editor

ATTACKS HOMETOWN PAPER

Dear Editor:

I would like to draw your attention to an editorial by Mr. Heine in the London Free Press. This is one of the many deplorable items he has written about Israel. Among the many anti-Israel sentiments which Heine expresses in the December 26th issue is a condemnation of Israel for its criticism of American "appeasement" of the Arabs.

"It's not the American government, however, that Israel is attacking," writes Heine, "it's the American people. Rightly or wrongly, an increasingly large number of Americans are quite prepared to maintain a strong army . . . to protect basic American interests, but in scraps like Viet Nam and the Middle East . . . they are now equally prepared to let the combatants cut each others throats indefinitely."

As a long time reader of the London Free Press I am deeply saddened by our paper's cynicism with regards to Israel and I am sure that all people, Jew and Christians alike deplore the Press's unfortunate change of heart about Israel.

Mrs. F. Sklenar
London

KEEP SMILING

EFFICIENCY

A Jerusalem businessman telephoned an associate in Tel Aviv. A four-year-old answered the phone and explained that daddy was out. "Too bad," said the caller, ready to hang up, when the youngster, bright and efficient, asked: "Would you care to leave a message?"

"All right," said the man, "tell him Mr. Grossman called." "Grossman," repeated the child. "How do you spell that?" The man patiently spelled his name. There was an awesome silence, then a plaintive voice: "Mr. Grossman, how do you make a gimmel?"

A WAY TO MEET

This is how two prominent Zionist leaders met for the first time in a London hotel:

The two men had rooms adjacent to each other. One rang for the bellboy to complain about the noise next door.

"Why must that guy shout so much?" he stormed.

"He is talking to Israel, sir," the page replied.

"Well, why doesn't he use the telephone?" said the complainant --- and went next door to introduce himself.

ASK THE RABBI

a JCNS featurette

A young man is afflicted with cancer, unknown to him or to his family, and professional ethics demand that they be kept in ignorance for as long as possible. But the young man has become engaged to be married. Is it the doctor's duty to inform the young woman of her fiancé's state of health?

Maimonides *(Yad, Rotzeah 1, 13)* rules: "If a man sees his neighbour drowning in the sea or a wild beast ready to devour him and he does not come to his rescue, or if he has heard that heathens plan to do him evil or lay a trap for him, and he does not tell him, and in all similar cases, he offends against the command: *Thou shalt not stand idly by the blood of thy neighbour" (Leviticus 19, 16).*

It follows that it is an offence against the command not to warn a person when others plan to do evil to him. For what difference does it make whether others design harm out of malice or for any other reason? The plain fact is that if he marries the young woman great tragedy will be hers.

Hafetz Hayyim (9, 1) has argued at length that the injunction: *Thou shalt not stand idly by the blood of thy neighbour* applies even where failure to tell the truth will involve the victim in financial loss, so that it obviously applies in our case. Furthermore, the command: *Thou shalt not place a stumbling-block before the blind (Leviticus 19, 14)*, according to the rabbis, includes giving a man bad advice. Our case would come under this head since it appears from the sources that the prohibition applies to anyone who fails to remove it. If the girl wishes to marry the young man after she knows the truth it is up to her, but she must be told the truth.

Is it permitted for a girl to have plastic surgery done to her nose? There are two possible objections: (1) Man's body is not his own but belongs to his Maker, so that he is forbidden to mutilate his body (Baba Kama 91b). **(2) It is forbidden to place oneself in a situation of danger and any operation is risky.**

This question has not been treated in any previous Responsa collections. As for the first objection, there is evidence in the sources that where mutilation of the body is for the purpose of removing pain or embarrassment it is permitted, and unless the girl felt very strongly about it she would not wish to undergo the operation. Bloodletting, for instance, was permitted in Talmudic times even if the purpose of the operation was only to set the patient's mind at rest. Furthermore, the purpose of plastic surgery is to improve the appearance and would not fall at all under the heading of "mutilation."

To give an analogy, although it is in general forbidden to demolish a synagogue, it is permitted if the purpose is to build an even finer synagogue. As for the second objection, the risk is so slight, when the operation is performed by a competent surgeon, that it can be disregarded. Otherwise one would have to conclude that the Torah forbids travel in an automobile or an aircraft (since this also involves an element of risk).

From the Responsa of Rabbi M. J. Breisch, of Zurich: HELKAT YAACOV, *Vol. III (Benei Berak, 1966), No. 136, pp. 257-259 and No. 11, pp. 30-34.*

THE SEVEN DAYS

ARMS BLAST IN ELATH

Eighteen Israeli soldiers were killed last week in an explosion of an arms vehicle at Israel's southernmost city, Elath. The tremendous explosion which could be easily heard in Jordan's neighboring Aqaba also caused injury to forty-two others.

Witnesses who arrived at the scene shortly after the detonation saw bodies of the dead and wounded scattered about the smoking wreckage of the truck.

Israeli authorities investigating the affair have declared it to be accidental although in Amman the Al Fatah claimed credit for the explosion.

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ALL EGYPT A BATTLEFIELD

General Moshe Dayan said recently in a radio interview that "he would not shed tears" if President Nasser were toppled. But he felt that a new regime would not cessarily conclude peace with Israel.

Dayan said that Israel would have preferred two alternatives to the present war of attrition in the Middle East, a genuine peace settlement or at least a return to a cease-fire situation.

"But they don't want it." Israel's response to Nasser's belligerence was to conduct her own version of the war, said Dayan.

"All of Egypt is the field of battle, the theater of our operations, he remarked." Dayan also observed that although Israel is not interested in conquering any new territories, "as far as military objectives are concerned, there are no limitations."

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HUSSEIN REJECTS PEACEMEAL SOLUTION

King Hussein of Jordan, reacting to the recent American proposals to settle the Middle East impasse, has declared that he welcomes those proposals as a step forward but cautioned that any solution had to be a general one.

Interviewed at the Basman Palace the king explained how he had gone from optimism to pessimism and to optimism once again. The American proposals, he said, had renewed the chances of a political settlement.

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NEWSMEN INVITED TO ISRAEL

Israel's Ministry of Tourism, anxious to offset adverse headlines has decided to invite 1,200 foreign newsmen to visit Israel this year.

Officials are hoping that one result of these visits will be a demonstration to interested tourists that fighting has been confined to border areas.

Israelis have found that the best way to capitalize on the actual conditions within Israel since the Six Day War is to expose impartial journalists and observers to the day-to-day internal situation.

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NIXON ASSURES ISRAEL

President Nixon has assured Israeli leaders that the United States has no intention of abandoning Israel in its current struggle and that it would provide that country with the requisite number of airplanes should the balance of power in the Middle East be upset.

"The United States is prepared to supply military equipment to support the efforts of friendly governments, like Israel, to defend the safety of their people," Nixon made the statement while expressing his hope in the possibility of a peaceful political solution.

Nixon's comments came on the heals of an invitation which Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir has made to one hundred American Jewish financiers to come to Jerusalem for an emergency meeting on her country's current fiscal problems.

Mrs. Meir will be seeking to raise $100 million over and above Israeli bond sales. Her invitations were carried by Michael Arnon former Israeli consul-general in New York.

Sermon for the week

THE DECALOGUE

The Ten Commandments are as valid today as they ever were. In the first commandment we are called to a recognition of God behind the world, and this is followed by a stern prohibition against setting up false idols. The god of Mammon, the god of success, the god of social ambition, of fashion, the god of the ego—these are our graven images today.

Commandment three warns us against taking God's name in vain. "Yisrael" contains within itself the name of God—El. The greatest aim for an Israelite is to sanctify the name of God, which he carries, by a life of righteousness and nobility. To do the reverse is to besmirch the name of God. "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." Still one of the greatest commandments of all time with its changeless teaching to regard life more important than merely making a living, and its warning to cherish the values of the spiritual elements within ourselves.

"HONOUR thy father and thy mother." The angry young man, and the degenerate young philistines who crawl along the streets of every large city, stunned by a mental paralysis of boredom that finds its outlet in acts of destruction and immorality: the sickness of a society whose children rebel against their parents and whose parents neglect their responsibility to their children—all this points to the malady of a society which breaks the fifth commandment with the result that one generation is a stranger and even the enemy of its forebearer.

"Thou shalt not murder" was declared at Sinai, but its echoes reverberate down to our time. Life has become too cheap, and judging from the state of the world, wounded by recent barbarism and dangerously near a final inhuman act of cosmic suicide, the shadow of Cain hangs ominously over it.

If God were to reveal Himself with a new set of commandments, it might be that "Thou shalt not commit adultery" would be one of the first. It is with good reason that experienced social workers regard this as the bad core of the degenerate state of twentieth-century morality.

"Thou shalt not steal." But stealing here need not be restricted to man's possessions. This commandment can embrace every kind of cheating, such as stealing an unfair advantage by cheating with words. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." To speak or write evil against one's fellow man, to misrepresent him or defame his character, is a serious crime against which this ninth commandment issues its stern warning. And finally, "Thou shalt not covet." A commandment which goes to the root and source of sin. It warns against greed which moves a man to achieve something which is not rightly his, or which the moral law disallows.

Here we have ten brief commandments which were submitted as first principles of human conduct. If society and the individual are to be redeemed from their present unhappy state it will be done only if sufficient men and women make an unqualified return to these teachings of God proclaimed from Sinai.

SUMMITS PROVE NASSER HIS OWN WORST ENEMY

By Major-General CHAIM HERZOG

TO the observers of the Middle East scene, the Arab world seems one large merry-go-round of conferences and talks, with little purpose other than fomenting hatred towards Israel and discussing plans for her destruction. The *débâcle* at the Rabat conference, which was, in fact, a defeat for President Nasser, obliged him to move rapidly to offset the effects of that unfortunate "summit" meeting, not only in the eyes of the world but primarily in the eyes of the Arab countries.

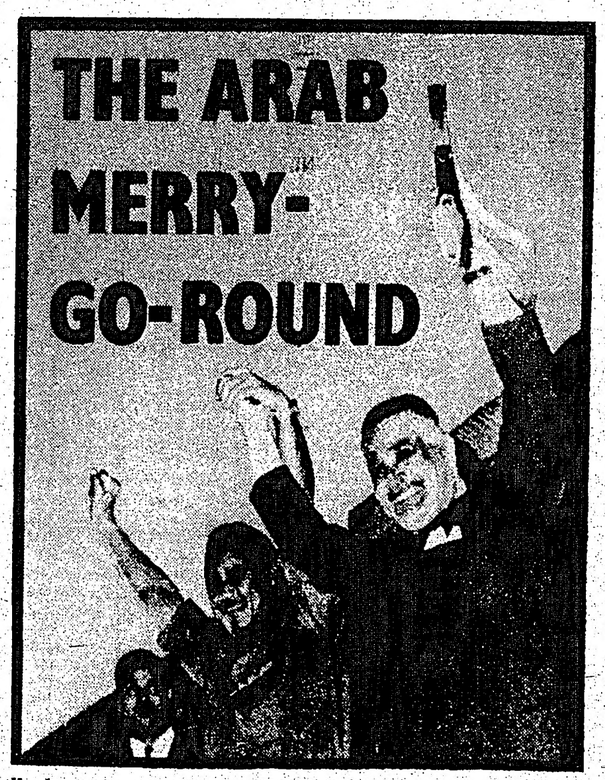
Accordingly, Nasser's first actions after the conference were official State visits to Libya and the Sudan, where he was met by the usual wild and hysterical demonstrations of enthusiasm which, even today, he alone, with his unusual charisma, is capable of evoking in the Arab world.

Rabat aftermath

These visits were, however, designed to further a plan for some form of federation for Egypt, Libya and the Sudan. The second project on which he embarked in order to offset the aftermath of the Rabat conference and also the influence of what might be termed "more moderate States," such as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, is a conference of so-called "combatant nations." By this is meant those nations which have forces in the field against Israel and primarily those who have a common border with her.

This move by Nasser brings to the forefront a long and persistent operation on the part of the Egyptians to become the major influence in Libya, if not actually to take over that country and, above all, lay hands on the immense oil wealth harboured in its expansive deserts.

However, others have had the same idea, too, primarily Algeria, whose President, Houari Boumédienne, envisages Libya, and particularly Libyan wealth, within the framework of the Greater North African Maghreb, which is his design. Egypt's very active wooing of Libya was the reason for the openly antagonistic attitude towards Egypt by Algeria at the Rabat conference, which saw a very acrimonious exchange between Boumédienne and Colonel Gadaffi, the head of the Libyan Revolutionary Council. Boumédienne accused him of being unable to fight Israel because "all his officers are in gaol."



Hands up—President Nasser and Sudan's leader, Major-General Gaafar el-Numeiry, acclaimed by Sudanese throng

It also saw a heated exchange between Algeria and Egypt, with Algeria accusing Egypt of not wishing to fight Israel.

This was, in other words, an additional move to undermine Egyptian influence in the Arab world. The struggle for control in Libya is bound to accentuate the growing differences between Algeria and Egypt.

Militarily, Egypt has little to gain from the closer co-operation which may be achieved between the Sudan, Libya and Egypt. Egypt's armed forces, which stand today, according to their announcement, at something in the region of 500,000 troops, could hardly benefit from the Libyan armed forces, which number 7,000, or some 20,000 if we add police.

Nor could Egypt benefit militarily to any great degree from the couple of brigades which the Sudan might conceivably, with difficulty, be able to allocate to Egypt, having regard to the fact that the Sudanese have a growing rebellion on their hands in south Sudan. The Sudan has a small token force of about battalion size stationed along the Suez Canal.

It is doubtful whether close co-operation with the Sudan would be of any great advantage to Egypt, because the Sudan is a very poor and under-developed country. However, control over the Sudan by the Egyptians would create for them a very deep penetration into Africa and would most definitely threaten Ethiopian security.

The only advantage at this stage which might accrue to Egypt from such an arrangement could possibly be the recruitment of Sudanese for service in the Egyptian armed forces, for the Sudanese are, in general, better troops than the Egyptians.

But shortage of manpower is not really Egypt's main problem. On the contrary. The main advantage to be gained by Egypt from such a union is the strengthening of Egypt economically, as a result of the vast oil resources of Libya being placed at her disposal. With these resources, Egypt's economic condition would undergo a revolutionary change for the better.

Already 8,000 Egyptian troops are stationed in Libya. One does not have to be a highly trained military observer to realise that the Libyan armed forces are incapable in the course of the next few years of absorbing the huge French arms deal.

Consequently, the forces which will use all or most of the French arms and equipment will be Egyptian, perhaps under the Libyan flag, in order to make it more palatable to the international conscience.

There can be no doubt that this French arms sale will affect Israel directly, and that Israeli forces will in due course be facing not only Soviet equipment but also French equipment.

Politically speaking, Nasser would, at the head of such a federation or union, be in a position to expand his international game of blackmail, both because of the political influence which such a position can grant, and also because he would then presumably dispose of vast areas of considerable strategic interest, both on the Mediterranean and on the Red Sea. He would be in a position to play the Powers off against each other with even greater alacrity and deftness than heretofore.

So much for the objective picture. But it must be remembered that this is not the first union or agreement for close co-operation in the Arab world.

There was a complete union between Egypt and Syria, which collapsed in 1961. Complete federation between Iraq and Jordan was established in 1958 to offset the Egyptian-Syrian union, but did not last long. Joint military commands and treaty arrangements have been established more than once.

However, so far the Rabat conference has represented with greater accuracy the true state of inter-Arab affairs in the Arab world than did these pacts.

Libyan oil

Nevertheless, current developments are potentially serious for the West, and, of course, for Israel, which, instead of being faced by the resources of an unstable régime in Cairo, based on a very weak economy, might be facing something made far more formidable by the backing of Libyan oil.

But the Libyan Revolutionary Council will soon awaken to the fact, as did the Syrians, that they are Egyptian vassals and that their economy is being drained for the benefit of Egypt's ambitions, again, as was the case in Syria.

Thus, while the agreement does look potentially formidable, translated into the facts of life, in the Arab world it emerges with many question marks as to its ultimate viability.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK

by Dr. Arnold Ages

IS THIS THE WHOLE TRUTH?

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF NAHUM GOLDMANN
By Nahum Goldmann
Holt, Rinehart & Winston.

NAHUM GOLDMANN

Nahum Goldmann who resigned from the presidency of the World Zionist Organization in 1968, once described himself as an international Jewish civil servant. But few civil servants have been so close to the center of power for such a prolonged period. Thus after 50 years in Jewish affairs Nahum Goldmann has decided to publish his memoirs and at the same time to get a lot of things off his chest.

There is a recurring theme in this volume which bears observation. Goldmann suggests that many of the great Jewish leaders of the past, from Weizmann, through Abba Hillel Silver to Ben Gurion, were not mature politicians because they were incapable of separating personalities from issues. When disagreement arose, as often happened in the world of Zionist politics, they frequently led to bitter personal relations between the antagonists.

For Goldmann this has always been a sign of immaturity and the rule of emotion over the mind. The consummate politician he says refrains from bearing personal grudges. Goldmann provides a charitable explanation, however, for the Jews' clumsiness in this domain. After all they had been two thousand years without any political experience. They could not acquire it overnight.

Goldmann's book contains a number of surprises. I was interested to learn for example, that the man who once headed the World Jewish Congress as well as the Zionist organization, was, during World War I, an employee of the German propaganda ministry. He had been invited to accept this position after authoring a tract supporting and justifying the German war effort.

I was equally startled to learn that Goldmann, despite his Herculean work on behalf of the Jewish state, chose, during those hectic days of May 1948, to argue against the immediate creation of the state. He felt that the action was a precipitous one, guided more by emotion than by sound reasoning. According to him it might have been possible to have initiated certain demarches with the Egyptian government during that period. The hasty proclamation of statehood, however, prevented this possibility.

A third surprise which Goldmann's book provides is the author's attitudes towards Israel's policy of retaliation. More specifically, he condemns Israel's foray into Sinai in 1956 as an egregious error. Goldmann feels quite simply that Israel's retaliatory raids are, in the final analysis, deleterious to the country's best interests.

Much of the autobiography is taken up with the turbulent Nazi years and the efforts of organized Jewry to aid their European brethren. The problem in the early thirties was that Jews themselves refused to recognize the seriousness of the situation. "Wise told me (Rabbi Stephen S. Wise) that in 1932 he sent a confidential representative to Germany to discuss the potential dangers of a Nazi victory with the leaders of German Jewry. With one honorable exception everyone assured him that there was no grave danger and that he should not aggravate their difficult position by intervention and protests."

Goldmann is astute enough in his memoirs to anticipate a great deal of criticism of his own activities during those years. This is what he says about his own ineptitude: "We cannot offer the excuse that we were attacked unexpectedly. Everything Hitler and his regime did to us had been announced with cynical candor beforehand. Our naivete and complacent optimism led us to ignore these threats. In this mortifying chapter of Jewish history there is no excuse for our generation as a whole or for most of our leaders."

Perhaps the most controversial episode in the Goldmann story is his participation in the negotiations on the reparations with Germany. Goldmann reports that during the initial period, emotions were so strong that he was required to move about with six bodyguards. There were many difficulties in working out the agreement because there had never been a precedent in international law for such an accord. The only argument which the Jewish representatives took was the purely moral one.

Fortunately the late Bonn chancellor Dr. Konrad Adenauer, says Goldmann, was a man of honor, honestly trying to do something to atone for his country's past and at the same time to gain respectability in the world community. It should not be forgotten moreover, that the reparations agreement was concluded with a Germany that had not reached the economic prosperity it enjoys today.

Some of the things which Goldmann says in his book will no doubt earn for him even more abuse than he has experienced in the past. A case in point is his treatment of the Zionist movement's alleged ignorance and neglect of the Arab fact in Palestine. He writes:

"Even Theodor Herzl's brilliantly simply formulation of the Jewish question as basically a transportation problem of 'moving a people without land into a land without people' is tinged with a disquieting blindness to the Arab claim to Palestine. Palestine was not a land without people even in Herzl's time; it was inhabited by hundreds of thousands of Arabs who, in the normal course of events, would sooner or later have achieved independent statehood, either alone or as a unit within a large Arab context."

The problem according to Goldmann, was that the Jews were so eager to put an end to their two thousand year old diaspora and were so passionately involved in that struggle that they simply couldn't spare the energy to examine the full implications "of the very complicated problem of their relations with the Arabs, to whom they were and still are invaders."

And what of the future? In his penultimate chapter, Goldmann addresses himself to this question. At one time he advocated Israel's integration into a Middle Eastern federation in which it would give up certain rights. But the strife within the Arab world persuaded him that such a solution was quite out of the question. Now he feels that the only path to peace for Israel lies in it becoming a truly neutral state, independent of all power blocs. That is the only way, he argues, that Jews all over the world will be able to identify with the Jewish state and express their devotion to it. "Any political alignment on the part of such a state makes it difficult and sometimes impossible for the Jewish citizens of other countries openly to profess their allegiance to it."

Goldmann's autobiography raises a great many questions and there is not enough space to analyze the many problems he poses. But on the latter point I think it not remiss to mention here that there are those who say that there is a special place in Dante's inferno reserved for those people, who, during a time of moral choice, remain "neutral."

This is precisely what the Jewish people have combated through the ages. Can Goldmann honestly believe that Jews must now turn around and adopt as an instrument of national policy an orientation which reeks of hypocrisy and cynicism? "Neutral" Switzerland used its political position to bar the entry of Jews fleeing from Hitler's Europe.

RECENT AND RECOMMENDED

I have always been very suspicious of blurbs that publishers supply on the jackets of books. But I am downright indignant about the advertisement for Kennett Love's Suez: The Twice Fought War (McGraw-Hill).

We are told that this essay is neither propaganda nor diatribe against one side or the other. The exact opposite is true. Love's contribution to the literature of the Middle East controversy is a consummate piece of Arab propaganda.

What other conclusion could legitimately be reached after reading the author's explanations as to why the Sinai campaign took place? According to Love it was the belligerent policy of Ben Gurion and the Israeli hawks which drove Egypt into the arms of Russian arms merchants.

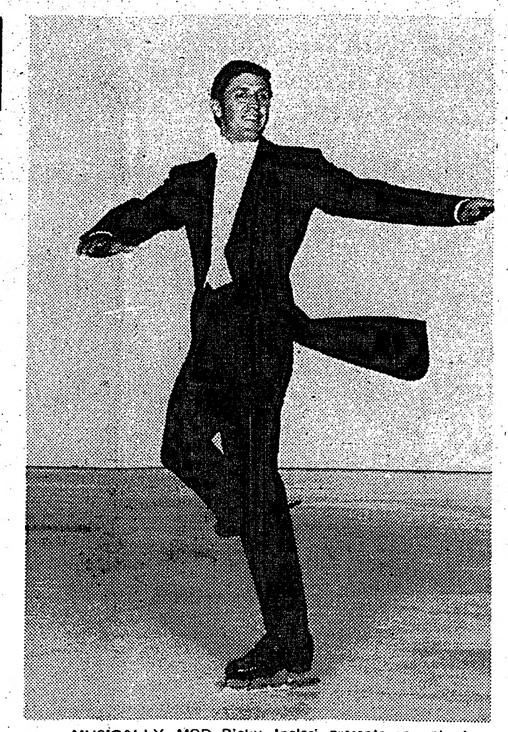
In fact, asserts Love, there was a good chance for peace during the early years of the Nasser regime. It was Ben Gurion's wreckless attack on Gaza in 1955 which forced a panicky Nasser to seek arms from the Russians for "self defense."

Love, of course, minimizes the systematic fedayeen raids which were encouraged by Egypt from the day it lost the 1948 encounter with the nascent Jewish state. This is not altogether surprising, given the author's obvious infatuation with the image of the romantic Arab. His prejudices are also seen in an attempt to whitewash the collaboration of Egyptians with the Nazis in World War II. For Love this activity was merely a wise expedient -- never mind the fact that the Nazis had turned Europe into one vast crematoria.

Suez: The Twice Fought War is an unfortunate book full of malice and subtle anti-Israel venom. Here is a work in which the author has the unbelievable temerity to suggest a parallel between the Nahal (an Israeli agricultural and military group) and early Cossack frontiersmen who protected Russia from the Mongol hordes! Come on now Mr. Love!

After fighting my way through Love's verbiage it was a distinct pleasure to peruse Leonard J. Fein's Israel Politics And People (Little Brown), a carefully written volume which contains a masterful analysis of the various political parties in Israel.

An especially valuable part of Fein's essay deals with the gaps between the religious and non-religious communities. Fein has caught the real essence of the problem without simplifying or exaggerating the dangers. Readers will also find an excellent postscript dealing with the new problems created by Israel's victory in 1967.



MUSICALLY MOD.-Ricky Inglesi presents an upbeat number this year to the latest mod record hits at this year's Shipstads and Johnson Ice Follies, appearing in Toronto at the Maple Leaf Gardens.

THEATER IN TORONTO

BY BARBARA I. PEARL

HAIR - Worth Every Strand

Frank: Doris, why did you drag me here? Look at those freaks swarming around.

Doris: Sh! They'll hear you. Just keep quiet. We can leave at intermission.

A typical conversation last week at Toronto's Royal Alex minutes before the start of Hair. Frank and Doris represent the above thirty crowd, set in attitudes and values, and needless to say apprehensive about viewing Hair. But it's the thing to do, so there they were. Alas, the cast was prepared. By the time 8:30 rolled around every Doris and Frank was having a grand old time. For no matter how sceptical people are about something new, revolutionary, who can help but respond to love? And love is what Hair is all about.

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The informality which permeated the entire theater established instantaneous rapport between audience and cast. However, so as to gain fully from the technique, you had to be seated in the orchestra, if not in the first ten rows.

"Who wants a flower?" Dozens of hands flew up at the call.

Even getting into your seat was a major ordeal if you happened to be sitting in the row blocked off by a Sleeping Beauty bedecked in tattered blue jeans and what must have been Daddy's old shirt.

The start of the show was the final blow to the theatrical snobs. After all, why use the aisle when you can reach the stage by walking over people's heads? Why bother with a curtain when you can copy Tarzan and swing from an overhead beam shouting wolf calls? The wierd feelings that accompanied these opening stunts remained throughout and were reinforced by the loud soul music of today.

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Plot revolves around a young American who receives his draft call from Uncle Sam, protests vehemently, but in the end makes peace with his fate and leaves for Viet Nam. There is no need to rehash that love, friendship, freedom and equality match this theme. It is an all too familiar scene. It is the mode of message presentation that makes Hair unique. People always are aroused by extremes, and Hair certainly matches this criterion. Exploitation is not the logic behind abusive language and feigned drug taking on stage. What many term "dirty words" are stressed to demonstrate that words when used by themselves are meaningless. Actions may hurt or harm. If people concentrated more on the action, kindness, rather than preaching it, perhaps our world would be a better place to live.

The characters in Hair did not take drugs just for kicks. They took them to escape reality.

If one is offended by this type of reasoning on the part of the producers of Hair, then by all means one shouldn't see it. But if you are interested in that new bug - the generation gap - join the ticket buyers. Certainly Hair is extreme. If it were not, who would take note of it?

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The cast seemed to be having a great time as the show progressed. I could not help but notice the smiling asides they gave each other. Gale Carnett's deep rich voice cast a spell upon the audience with her renditions of "I Believe in Love" and "Easy to Be Hard". All the singers gave everything they had and the result was sensational. Claude, played by Clint Ryan, made the transition from hippie to all-American easily. Berger (actually, Kid Carson), though good at placing the microphone between his toes, appeared at times cold and out of it.

No real chance was given to the audience to act favorably or unfavorably at the end of the play, since all were invited to join the cast on stage before they knew what was what. Guess what! Up there on stage Frank and Doris looked as if they had "let the sunshine in".

TORONTO AFTER DARK

And again . . . Frankie Laine opened January 26th at the Hook and Ladder Club of Toronto's Seaway Beverly Hills Motor Hotel.

Lord You Gave Me A Mountain is the title of Frankie Laine's newest album and once more, the ever soaring sales are proving that his distinctive style can supersede all temporary fads in the music world. He has also hit the charts recently with two hit singles, namely, If I Didn't Believe In You and Dammit Isn't God's Last Name.

A long time favorite of all types of audiences, Frankie Laine will be appearing at the Hook and Ladder Club for two weeks.

"What I have tried to do is to adapt my type of music to today's current sounds without sacrificing musical integrity." And, without a doubt, he's done it! Showtimes are 9:30 and 11:30 p.m.

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The Front Page, Ben Hecht's and Charles MacArthur's zesty comedy about newspaper life in Chicago in the chaotic days of prohibition and gangsterism, will have its first Toronto stage appearance in many years when it opens a two-week engagement at O'Keefe Centre on Monday, February 2nd.

One of the most enduring of all stage farces, The Front Page slam-banged its way on to Broadway during the season of 1928, and has had two major revivals since then -- in 1946 and again in 1969 in a production that is still running in New York. "One of the funniest and most exciting of all American plays," said the New York Times' Clive Barnes of its current version. Twice it has been made into a movie, once under its own title and once as His Girl Friday.

In the company coming to O'Keefe Centre, Ray Milland will have the role of Walter Burns, a Chicago managing editor with a nose for news and the scruples of a Borgia. DeVeren Bookwalter will be seen in the role of Hildy Johnson, ace reporter who, as it develops, would jeopardize his own personal life for a scoop. Featured will be Clive Deering and Colin Hamilton. Harold J. Kennedy, who staged the current New York production, has directed it.

Hecht and MacArthur are said to have set out to write a serious drama in The Front Page but, as they progressed, they soon realized that what was evolving was a breathless farce about their own newspaper days in Chicago at a time when Al Capone and friends held sway. Set in the second floor press room of Chicago's Criminal Courts Building, the play focuses on eight competitive newspapermen whose daily lives center around the direct phone lines in their city desks. The boredom is shattered when a prisoner, scheduled to be hanged in a matter of hours, shoots his way out of captivity and vanishes. The hunt is on and so begins the staccato, rapid-fire action of The Front Page.

Recalled for his O'Keefe Centre performance in The Hostile Witness, Ray Milland now adds another fascinating portrait to his growing gallery of top film and stage roles. Unforgettable as the tragic alcoholic in The Lost Weekend, which was to result in an Academy Award, other screen starring roles include Golden Earrings, The Major And The Minor and Dial M For Murder. Milland also scored when he toured as Professor Henry Higgins in My Fair Lady.

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SAUL FIELD EXHIBITS

An exhibition of original color embossed engravings of musicians and composers by Saul Field is on display to February 15th at The Edward Johnson Building, University of Toronto.

This exhibit is sponsored by Limited Editions.

Mr. Field printmaker supreme has been called a symbolic expressionist and his work is in many private and public collections.

This is the first showing of such a large collection of musical subjects by Saul Field.

Mr. Field is known for his Compotina Plate and has had wide recognition both here and abroad. The third quarter of his Bloomsday Suite was shown in Dublin in June 1969 and the completed suite is scheduled to be shown in Trieste in 1971.

His Portfolio of French Canadian Legends inspired a book, The Magic Fiddler by Claude Aubry, and his partial animation film Tevye directed by Julius Kohanyi, was chosen for the 1969 Australian Film Festival in Melbourne, where it captured the attention of the film critics, and in reviewing Tevye said, "The Canadians have a reputation as fine film makers and this particular film does everything to enhance that reputation."

JEWS "UN-PERSONS" IN SOVIET TEXTS

New York (JCNS). - The Soviet Union is "systematically excising history" in an effort to erase Jewish identity and make Jews "non-persons", according to a B'nai B'rith study of 15 text books published since 1966.

The books are used in schools in the Russian Socialist Federal Soviet Republic, of which Moscow is the capital (as well as of the Soviet Union).

Dr. William Korey, director of B'nai B'rith's United Nations bureau, and Dr. Ina Schlesinger, a specialist in Russian history, conducted the study. They noted that the 15 text-books analysed constitute the "sum total of required history text-books in the Russian Republic" in primary and secondary schools.

Amont the examples cited by the study was a 1967 book which made no mention of anti-Jewish persecution is describing the history of Nazism between 1933 to 1939, and omitted to mention that Jews were imprisoned and killed in concentration camps. At the same time, the book stressed that in 1933-1934 "100,000 Communists were thrown into prison and into specially-established concentration camps."

Rabbis guests in Moscow

Belgrade (JCNS). - Dr. Lavoslav Kadelburg, the president of the Federation of Yugoslav Jewish Communities, was among the invited guests at celebrations in Moscow last month of the 70th birthday of the president of the Central Synagogue.

In his report on his visit Dr. Kadelburg, who has just returned from Moscow, said that other guests included two rabbis from North America, Rabbi Pinhas Teitz, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, and Rabbi Itzhak Hechtman, of Montreal.

Among the functions held to mark the occasion was a dinner at the Hotel Rossia, one of the largest in the Soviet capital. More than 100 guests attended and joined in the singing of Yiddish songs and liturgical pieces. There was also traditional Jewish dancing.

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One historic evening not long ago, as we headed for home in our motor vehicle, an alert traffic cop stopped us dead in our tracks and said:

"Licences please, You speeded in a built-up area."

"Maybe," we answered, "prove it!"

"As you like . . ."

With that the cop walked us back to a quietly pasturing police car, in it an officer and in front of him an infernal contraption with all sorts of dials and push buttons. I realized at once that it was a radar instrument, that invention of the devil. So that's what they waste the taxpayers' money on.

"Oh!" the cop inspected my documents, "I see that you are a journalist. You ought to be an example to others instead of driving like a madman."

"I am so ashamed, captain," I duly lowered my eyes. "Now that I see you are radar-equipped, I am sorry it ever happened."

"So you confess that you drove with excessive speed?"

"Of course I do."

"Why did you drive with excessive speed, Sir?".

"I was in a hurry," I said, "I was in a hurry."

"Why?"

"Because the oncoming cars did not signal with their headlights that there was a speed-trap ahead."

"And is that a reason to drive with an excessive speed?"

"Of course it isn't. Allow me to remark that I have been driving for the past 13 years and this is the first time I've exceeded the speed limit."

"Is this the first time you were caught, or the first time you've exceeded the speed limit?"

"The first time I exceeded the speed limit."

"If that is so, then how come that for 13 years you did not exceed the speed limit and now all of a sudden you exceeded the speed limit?"

"It just so happens that now I exceeded the speed limit. Please write out my ticket."

"You write in the newspapers. Do you know what would happen if everybody exceeded the speed limit?"

"There would be accidents?"

"Would you, sir, like to cause accidents?"

"No of course not."

"Then why did you exceed the speed limit?"

"God knows," I replied. "As a rule we pay IL20 for exceeding the speed limit, so perhaps . . ."

"How do you know how much one pays for speeding when you, sir, have never yet been given a ticket for speeding?"

"That's what I was told by gentlemen drivers who had been given tickets for speeding."

"Will you ever exceed the speed limit in future?"

"Yes!" I roared in a strange voice and tore off my tie. "Yes, I shall always exceed the speed limit! Always! All the time I'll espeed the ex milit! Espimilit . . ."

"All right," the fuzz frowned. "I would have let you off with a warning but I am ruthless with hooligans. Here is your ticket for speeding . . ."

This is to show that it doesn't pay to exceed the speed limit.

JERUSALEMITE HOSTED BY TORONTONIANS.-Mr. Eliyahu Honig, Deputy Director of the Hebrew University's Department of Information and Public Affairs, made a special visit to Toronto to report on recent developments at the University, and to present the Family's Who's Who to those who have established Endowments for Perpetual Student Aid or for Research. Dr. and Mrs. A. Brettler (right and centre) hosted a gathering at their home where a number of these presentations took place and where Mr. Honig (left) spoke of some of the problems facing the Hebrew University relating to student assistance and providing dormitory accommodation.

What's the hurry?

by Ruthie

Everything is run, run, run. We're always in a hurry going no place.

Have to go to work early? It wouldn't occur to you to give yourself an extra half hour. Just the mention of breakfast, and your eyes are glued to the clock.

"Gotta run or I'll be late."

You're at the hairdresser's.

"Hurry up, Tony. Please. And may I have my manicure while I'm under the dryer? I must meet someone in an hour. Hurry!"

God forbid, if you give yourself some leeway.

"I must hurry home. It's close to dinner. I haven't prepared a thing."

Wouldn't it have been smarter to take care of the preliminaries in the morning?

And if we stop to think-why we're always knocking ourselves out, we couldn't even come up with the answers.

But the one who gives me the biggest pain in the neck is the mama who rushes, bribes or what-you-wills her youngster ahead.

"If you make grades four and five this year and go into six next year, I'll buy you the nicest present."

"If you practise the piano two hours a day, not one, you'll get something extra special."

"My baby," boastfully, "Started kindergarten at four. I didn't wait till he was five."

I can't understand this pressure, this hurrying the kids through life. The only one who benefits is Mama. It does something to her vanity if she can boast.

But what if her ideas, her pushing boomerang? Later on she wonders why the youngster maybe stutters or is ornery or needs psychiatric treatment or feels like an outcast in society.

So what if the child doesn't make two classes in one? He won't grow up? He won't have friends? He won't make a living?. She won't be able to diaper the baby and make formulas?

Of course, Mama can't show off.

My mother used to have a friend whose daily theme song was,

"My Gertie? There's nobody smarter."

And I used to cry, "What don't you talk like that about me?"

Mama in her wisdom would smile, "I let others praise my children." Well, you know, S.P.S. - self-praise smells.

But when I passed a rigid exam for entrance to a special school and Gertie didn't - don't ask! Mama never said a word but did she look taller!

Papa was always afraid I'd be a loner, never have friends, because I was able to get along by myself. Whenever I practised the piano overtime, he yelled.

"Genoog shoin hocken hultz (enough already chopping wood). You'll be a pianistka a week later. Go play with the kids."

Maybe he was using psychology. Because if he forced me to practise, could be I wouldn't enjoy good music today the way I do.

Anyway, I never felt pressured. And you know what? I got there. I didn't miss getting a nice husband, I have good children, kein eyen hora (no evil eye) and I get everything done, even pavullya (slowly).

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TORONTO WOMEN'S NEWS

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

* Tomorrow morning Sisterhood of Shaarei Tefillah joins the Congregation in blessing the month of Teves. Kiddush will be served afterwards; Rabbi Berglas will deliver the D'var Torah.

* Next Wednesday evening Sisterhood will hold a general meeting. An Israeli film will be shown and the draw for free donor for guest will be held.

NEW PROJECT

* At their recent Festival '70, Pioneer Women of Canada launched a new project: to build a community center in Givetayim, a suburb of Tel Aviv. The first phase, which will take three years to complete will contain a day nursery and fully equipped shelter for the use of the entire community.

* In honor of Tu B'Shavat, Pioneer Women are establishing a picnic and recreation area in the Canada Friendship Forest of the JNF in Israel.

* Mrs. Chaye Surchin, president of Pioneer Women, conducted a special seminar in Toronto recently for the executive and leadership of the local organization.

MONTHLY MEET

Recently Beth Tikvah Sisterhood held its monthly general meeting. The program featured a play by Marc Siegal. Cast included Mrs. Louise Cornblum, Molly Cornblum, Mrs. Penny Bowman, Eric Bowman, Mrs. Shellie Pozner, Mrs. Natalie Kopman.

Mrs. Leona Feder led a discussion of the play afterwards.

Recipe for the week

OLD FASHIONED LEMON CRULLERS

4 cups sifted all purpose flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon grated lemon rind
1/2 cup soft butter
1 cup granulated sugar
3 eggs
1/4 cup milk
1 tablespoon lemon extract
vegetable oil for deep frying
1 cup fruit sugar
2 teaspoons grated lemon rind

Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt. Stir in the 1 tablespoon lemon rind. Cream butter, gradually beat in granulated sugar. Add eggs one at a time, beating in well after each addition. Blend in milk and lemon extract. Add the flour, half at a time, combining thoroughly. Dough will be stiff. Cover bowl; chill about 1 hour. Remove half the chilled dough to well floured board or pastry cloth. Roll out to an 8 x 8 1/2 inch square. Cut in strips 1/2 inch wide and 8 inches long. Shape into figure eights; moisten ends and seal well. Repeat using remaining dough. Heat vegetable oil for deep frying in a deep saucepan or deep fryer to 375 degrees. (A cube of bread will brown in about 40 seconds at this temperature.) Drop doughnuts 3 or 4 at a time into hot oil. Turn over with slotted utensil when golden brown on one side. Fry until brown on both sides, 2 or 3 minutes. Carefully lift out and drain on absorbent paper. Combine the fruit sugar and 2 teaspoons grated lemon rind. While doughnuts are still warm roll in sugar or reheat and roll in sugar just before serving. Makes 32 doughnuts.

COMMUNITY MOURNS TILLIE WOLFE

The Toronto Jewish community was saddened last week by the passing of Mrs. Tillie Wolfe on January 24th. Mrs. Wolfe a personification of the traditional eshes chail (woman of valor) was noted for her many activities on behalf of the Jewish community. Death was due to a heart attack, which occured just after she was leaving Sabbath services at the Beth Tredec synagogue. She was 75. The funeral took place on Sunday.

Mrs. Wolfe, whose father was the well known Cantor Manovitz of Toronto, was an inspiration to all her family and is survived by her husband Maurice and five children: Ray D. Wolfe, Leonard Wolfe Jack Wolfe, Eleanor (Mrs. Irvine Besen) and Harvey Wolfe; and 10 grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Ruth Kogan of Chicago, and a brother, Mr. Paul Manovitz of Toronto.

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She swore that it was the first time she had had intimate relations with anyone since her divorce. I believe her. He admits responsibility, is willing to support the child, but won't get married. This boy wants her to have an abortion, which she won't hear of.

She says she will keep the child and if I want her to, she will move and have someone watch the baby while she works.

Am I doing right to keep her in my home and not to worry what my family or next door neighbor will think?

ANSWER: For a girl, having an out-of-wedlock child often tells of the psychological problems created for her either by the total absence of her father, or by a withdrawn father. The childhood yearning to be close to a loving father-figure is acted out sometimes in having relations with a man who is not at all desired as a permanent mate.

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When the child is kept by the mother, it is often to alleviate her guilt. Having to work hard to support the child, the mother feels she is doing penance for having violated her moral and religious values. Keeping the child may also be, in some ways, an act of rebellion. It says to the world that she can violate codes and get away with it.

There is no greater tragedy to a mother than the death of her child. A parent sometimes feels that having another child will help to minimize the pain.

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Your daughter must be helped to gain some clear insights into the unconscious drives and motivations that led her to act out in this way. Therapy will help her make the best decision as far as the child is concerned.

As a loving mother you are naturally suffering along with your daughter. Perhaps you also feel somewhat responsible for the difficulty in which she finds herself. Facing disapproval from your family is also not a very happy anticipation. But while you may not approve of what is happening, you are a fine parent in feeling that you cannot cast out your daughter and make her feel unwanted and unloved. By standing by and seeing her through, you can help your daughter arrive at the point where she does not have to go through life hurting and punishing herself.

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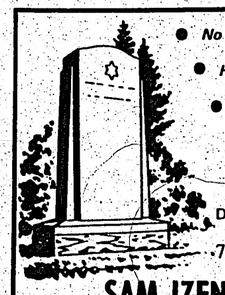

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MORDECAI LIMON

BY MOSHE RON

Tel Aviv - Many stories have been written about the five gunboats that arrived here after a dramatic and sensational journey. Here is a portrait of the "victim" of this affair, General Moka (Mordechai) Limon, who was forced to leave France.

Gen. Limon for six years worked in Paris and was popular in government circles. The heads of French industry and trade union leaders both had great esteem for him. His home was a center of activity of French society. He purchased $1 1/2 billion worth of arms for Israel.

When the Six Day War broke out in June 1967, General de Gaulle hoped Israel would be inactive and wait until Nasser was about to destroy her. Then he would have come to Israel's aid. But because Israel refused to be destroyed, General de Gaulle decided to have his revenge.

From that time he did his utmost to damage the interests of Israel. A year ago he proclaimed a total embargo against the nation. It was hoped that the new President, Georges Pompidou, would change that policy towards Israel. But the grandson of the Rabbi of Strasbourg, Michel Debre, Minister of War, whose father converted to Christianity and many other Gaullist ministers are very active in opposing improvement in relations with Israel.

Next month Pompidou will visit the United States. It is difficult to guess what kind of reception the French President will be accorded by the Jewish institutions and Jewish personalities in the U.S.

The five gunboats, ordered five years ago and paid for by Israel certainly will be of great use for oil research. Moka Limon and the crews of the five gunboats are now recorded in the history of Israel. A joke about Moka was told recently in France: When President Pompidou entered a cafe the waiter asked him: Your Excellency, coffee or tea? The President answered: if coffee without mocca; if tea, without Limon, please, because Moka Limon gives me trouble.

"DEATH FOR TERRORISTS"

Jerusalem (JCNS). - Israeli opinion has hardened slightly over the punishment of Arab terrorists. In August, 1968, 70 percent of Israelis polled by Pori, Public Opinion Research of Israel Ltd., for the JCNS favored the death penalty for Arab terrorists captured and convicted by Israel.

Now, Mr. Rafael Gill, the director of Pori, has carried out another survey for the JCNS. This survey reveals that 72.6 percent of Israelis want the death penalty imposed on captured Arab terrorists.

Today, 23.3 percent oppose this, while 3.9 percent expressed no opinion. The comparable figures in August, 1968, were: opposed, 23 percent; no opinion, 7 percent.

Thus, while more Israelis than in 1968 favor the imposition of the death penalty for terrorism, there has also been an increase in the number opposing it, because some who expressed no opinion in 1968 have now come down against the death penalty.

WATER SHORTAGE

Haifa (JCNS). - Veteran farmers in the Jordan Valley have had to water their banana plantations, the first time this has been necessary in January for longer than they can remember.

The Sea of Galilee has fallen from 696 feet below sea level to 685. Its level is the standard by which salinity is judged, and the lower it falls the more trouble is likely from high salinity.

However, the recent rains may help to make up for some of the lost water which lowered the country's water table.

The Montreal scene

MOTHER WORKS WITHOUT PAY

A bustling, energetic Montreal mother of four sons has taken over one of the most challenging executive positions in the city -- with no pay cheque attached.

Mrs. Alan H. Finestone has been chosen as the new President of the Women's Federation of Allied Jewish Community Services, an organization which involves more thant 20,000 women in community work and fund-raising.

Mrs. Finestone, First Vice President of the Federation for the past two years, succeeded Mrs. Irvin Gertsman -- President for 1968-69.

In her new role, she will devote much of her time to overseeing a clockwork organization which raises funds for the work of 19 local health and welfare agencies, supports overseas humanitarian causes and provides millions of man hours of voluntary service to numberless projects.

Mrs. Finestone will often find herself at the same conference table as her husband, a manufacturer, who parallels his wife's service in his role as Vice President of A.J.C.S., the parent organization.

Mrs. Finestone's "realm" is especially unique among women's organizations in that it includes as an arm the "Council of Presidents," a Women's Federation-organized body which brings together representatives of key Jewish Women's organizations for their mutual benefit.

The new Federation President, a graduate of McGill University, is a past-Chairman of the Neighborhood House Branch of the YM-YWHA and Neighborhood House Services, a former Vice Chairman of the Combined Jewish Appeal and Red Cross Campaign and in 1965 was Chairman of the Women's Division of the Combined Jewish Appeal.

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ESSEBAG, OLGA. - On January 22nd, late of Montreal.
GOLDENBERG, IDA. - On January 21st, late of 4780 Vezina Ave., Apt. 7.
HAHN, JOSEF (HAON). - On January 22nd at Jerusalem, Israel.
HIRSCH, PEPI. - On January 21st, late of Montreal.
KOVEN, DR. BENJAMIN. - On January 19th at Palm Beach, Florida.
LEIBOVICH, REBECCA. - On January 21st, late of Montreal.
LERNER, LOUIS. - On January 20th, late of 4892 MacKenzie.
LEVY, LOUIS. - On January 17th, late of 4700 Bourret, Apt. 104.
LINDZIN, JOSEPH. - On January 17th, late of 1107 Marlatt, Ville St. Laurent.
MANDELBAUM, MARY. - On January 17th, late of Montreal.
MANN, HARRY MICHAEL. - On January 23rd, late of Montreal.
PERELMAN, FANNY (HERSON). - On January 18th at Toronto.
RABINOVITCH, ESTELLE - On January 19th, late of 4720 Grosvenor Ave.
RAM, ROSE. - On January 21st, at Newburgh, New York, late of Montreal
RESCH, SIMON. - On January 9th, late of 4840 Bourret.
RUBIN, TOBA. - On January 22nd, late of Montreal.
SAGER, ROSE. - On January 9th, late of Montreal.
SHAPRAY, MINNIE. - On January 21st, late of Montreal.
SIEGEL, SANDRA. - On January 22nd, late of Montreal.
SINCLAIR, PEARL. - On January 23rd, late of Montreal.
SOSNA, SAM. - On January 9th, late of 7920 Kingsley, Cote St. Luc.
STROLOVITCH, HYMAN. - On January 17th, late of 5117 MacKenzie Ave.
warhaftig, PAUL (WARHAFT). - On January 16th, late of 5804 Palmer, Cote St. Luc.
ZLATIN, CHARLES. - On January 21st, late of 1117 Haendel, Chomedey.